



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 032304-040

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
John F. Shanley) Group Art Unit: 3731
Application No.: 10/057,414) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: January 25, 2002) Confirmation No.: 9725
For: EXPANDABLE MEDICAL DEVICE)
WITH LOCKING MECHANISM)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

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☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	47	MINUS 43 =	4	× \$18.00 (103) =	72.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 0 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					72.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					36.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					36.00

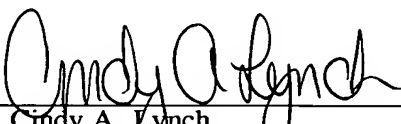
☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 36.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 17, and 20, as follows:

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1. (Amended) An expandable medical device comprising:
a plurality of elongated beams, the plurality of elongated beams joined together to form a substantially cylindrical device which is expandable from a cylinder having a first diameter to a cylinder having a second diameter;
a plurality of hinges connecting the elongated beams having a hinge width, wherein the hinge width is smaller than the beam width;
a pawl disposed adjacent to the hinge prior to expansion of the medical device;
a plurality of teeth adapted to receive the pawl.
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